

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on February 11, 2003 at 4:05 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 439, 2/5/2003; HB 411, 2/5/2003

Executive Action: HB 306, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 18-2

02:00 REP. LANGE presiding.

HEARING ON HB 439

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 REP. CLARK, HD 72 -- Short Title: Revise fish and game
commission

EXHIBIT (nah30a01)

CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT presiding.

Proponents' Testimony:

23:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation
26:00 Bill Tiddy, Anaconda Sportsmens Association
29:00 Eric Grove
31:00 Jim Posewitz
35:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association
37:00 Bill Orsello, Helena Hunters and Anglers
40:00 Ben Deeble, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
41:00 Cathy Hadley
41:00 Leroy Mehring, Skyline Sportsmens Association
42:00 Stan Frasier

Opponents' Testimony:

44:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
45:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
47:00 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association
51:00 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

EXHIBIT (nah30a02)

53:00 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

59:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:10:00

HEARING ON HB 411

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:13:00 **REP. GALLUS, HD 35 -- Short Title:** Revise laws on
 commercial fishing activities

Proponents' Testimony:

1:20:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
1:21:00 Andrew Hanson, Guides, Outfitters, David Decker
1:24:00 Gia Fairchild, Lewis and Clark Outfitting
1:27:00 Frank Stanchfield, Big Hole and Beaverhead Outfitters
1:31:00 Brad Smedley
1:32:00 Tom Bugh, Skyline Sportsmens Association
1:35:00 Steve Luebeck, George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT (nah30a03)

1:41:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of
 Montana

EXHIBIT (nah30a04)

EXHIBIT (nah30a05)

1:46:00 **REP. BARRETT, HD 34**

Opponents' Testimony:

1:49:00 Kathy Hadley, Montana Wildlife Federation
1:53:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sports Association
1:56:00 Bill Orsello, Helena Hunters and Anglers
1:58:00 Stan Frasier

Informational Testimony:

2:01:00 Larry Peterman, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (nah30a06)

2:03:00 Gia Fairchild

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:04:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:38:00

6:07 p.m. Break

6:15 p.m. Resume

VICE-CHAIRMAN LANGE assumes chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306

Motion: **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT** moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.**

Motion: CHAIRMAN BALYEAT moved that HB 306 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (nah30a07)

EXHIBIT (nah30a08)

Discussion

2:05:00

Motion/Vote: Motion carried 19-1 with REP. GUTSCHE voting no by voice vote.

Motion: CHAIRMAN BALYEAT moved that HB 306 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: CHAIRMAN BALYEAT moved that HB 306 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (nah30a09)

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY made a substitute motion THAT HB 306 BE AMENDED (conceptual amendment). Substitute motion carried 16-4 with REPS. BALYEAT, FUCHS, LANGE, and SHOCKLEY voting no by voice vote.

Discussion

2:18:00

Motion/Vote: CHAIRMAN BALYEAT moved that HB 306 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 18-2 with REPS. BARRETT and GUTSCHE voting no by roll call vote and REP. SALES voting aye by proxy.

2:34:00 CHAIRMAN BALYEAT appointed a subcommittee to work on a committee bill: REPS. CLARK, JENT, FUCHS, BALYEAT.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah30aad)